



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Jay M. Short
Serial No. 09/663,620
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For: Combinatorial Screening of Mixed Populations of Organisms
Examiner: Nashaat T. Nashed

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Confirmation No. 2110

Commissioner for Patents
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Response to Office Action

Sir:

In response to the nonfinal Office Action mailed June 2, 2004, the Applicant respectfully submits the following response and amendment to the claims.

A response was initially due September 2, 2004, but the Applicant is requesting an extension of three months, to December 2, 2004, to reply. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The amendment to the claims begins on page 2. The Applicant's remarks begin on page 10.